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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, extraordinarily heavy rainfall suddenly and unexpectedly caused widespread and severe flash flooding within the Town of Needham; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has determined that this incident poses an imminent danger to public health, safety and general welfare of the people or their property such that it has become necessary for the Town to coordinate the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and agencies of the Town for the purposes of emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager is designated as the Chief Executive Officer of the Town pursuant to Section 20B of the Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local state of emergency will help facilitate and expedite the Town's emergency response; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local state of emergency may facilitate the deployment of any available State, Federal and private sector resources to help recover, repair and/or replace lost or damaged property.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager of Needham Massachusetts, hereby declare that effective as of August 8, 2023 a state of emergency exists in the Town of Needham. This declaration of emergency shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to my judgment, that the state of emergency no longer exists.

Date: August 11, 2023

Town Manager, Needham